



Robert Greene Sterne
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimbalà
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
John M. Covert
Robert C. Millonig
Donald J. Featherstone
Timothy J. Shea, Jr.
Michael V. Messinger
Judith U. Kim
Mark Fox Evans
Jeffrey T. Helvey
Eldora L. Ellison
Donald R. Banowitz
Peter A. Jackman
Brian J. Del Buono

Elizabeth J. Haanes
Michael D. Specht
Kevin W. McCabe
Glenn J. Perry
Theodore A. Wood
Gaby L. Longworth
Edward W. Yee
Grant E. Reed
Tracy L. Muller
Jon E. Wright
LuAnne M. DeSantis
Helene C. Carlson
Cynthia M. Bouchez
Timothy A. Doyle
Lori A. Gordon
Shannon A. Carroll
Anbar F. Khal
Michelle K. Holoubek
Marsha A. Rose
Scott A. Schaller
Lei Zhou
W. Blake Coblentz

James J. Pohl
John T. Haran
Mark W. Rygiel
Michael R. Malek
Carla Ji-Eun Kim
Doyle A. Siever*
Ulrike Winkler Jenks
Paul A. Calvo
C. Matthew Rozier
Randall K. Baldwin
Lori M. Brandes
Deborah A. Sterling
Jeremy M. Klass
Stephanie L. Elmer
Jeffrey K. Mills
Mita Mukherjee*
Scott M. Woodhouse*
Peter A. Socarras
Christian A. Camarce
Richard D. Collier
Patrick P. Hansen
Ross G. Hicks

Keisha Hylton-Rodic
Bonnie Nannenga-Combs
Alyssa K. Sandrowitz
Jonathan M. Strang
Ishan P. Weerakoon
Chenghua Luo
Salvador M. Bezos*
Bruce B. Vance
Justin T. Sher
Byron L. Pickard
Kellie K. DiNapoli*
Christopher B. Ferenc*
Jeffrey R. Fougere*
William P. Ladd*

Registered Patent Agents*
Karen R. Markowicz
Danielle L. Letting
Steven C. Oppenheimer
Aaron S. Lukas

Jonathan Tuminaro
Gaurav Asthana
Yasser Mourtada
Cynthia L. DeRenzo
Omar F. Amin
R. Wilson Powers III
Erin C. Wong
Joseph E. Mutschelknaus
Kavon Nasabzadeh
Aaron S. Ward

Of Counsel
Edward J. Kessler
Kenneth C. Bass III
Christopher P. Wrist
David C. Isaacson
Jason D. Eisenberg

*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
*Practice Limited to
Federal Agencies

August 4, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 772-8525

INTERNET ADDRESS:
BRIAND@SKGF.COM

Art Unit 1648

Attn: Mail Stop RCE

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/622,124; Filing Date: July 18, 2003
For: **Ghrelin-Carrier Conjugates**
Inventors: BACHMANN *et al.*
Our Ref: 1700.0340001/BJD/KMH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$1,920.00 to cover: \$810.00 for RCE fee and \$1,110.00 for extension fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal; and
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents
August 4, 2009
Page 2

Fee payment is provided through online credit card payment. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Del Buono", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian J. Del Buono
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 42,473

BJD/KMH:ybh
Enclosures

1013296_1.DOC